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May 24, 2006

**VIA EMAIL (BRIAN.E.ROSS@ABC.COM,
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AND U.S. MAIL

David Westin
George Stephanopoulos
Brian Ross
ABC News
7 WEST 66th Street
New York, NY 10023

Re: False Story Regarding Justice Department Investigation

Dear Mr. Westin, Mr. Stephanopoulos, and Mr. Ross:

At 7:25 p.m., the Statement of the Department of Justice confirmed:

“Speaker Hastert is not under investigation by the Justice Department.”

At 10:21 p.m., you wrote:

“Whether they like it or not, members of Congress, including Hastert, are under investigation,” one federal official said tonight.”

This statement is false, and your republication of it after actual knowledge of its falsity constitutes libel and defamation. ABC News’ continued publication of this false information, after having actual knowledge of its falsity, evidences a specific and malicious intent to injure and damage Speaker Hastert’s reputation by continued repetition of a known falsehood.

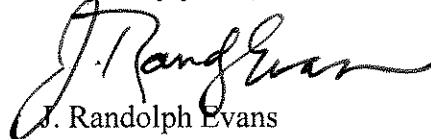
We will take any and all actions necessary to rectify the harm ABC has caused and to hold those at ABC responsible for their conduct.

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Please advise regarding who will accept service of process to remedy this intentional falsehood.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Randolph Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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